

REMARKS

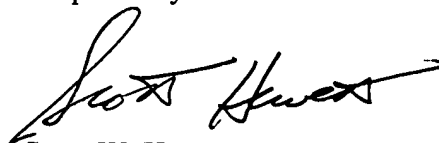
Claims 1-16 are pending. Claims 8 and 9 stand rejected, and claims 10-12 remain withdrawn. Claims 2 and 3 have been rejoined and are indicated as "previously presented." Claims 1-7 and 13-16 are allowed. The Applicants sincerely thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-7 and 13-16, and for the rejoinder of claims 2 and 3. Claims 8-12 are canceled to expedite issuance of the allowed claims, and with specific reservation to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in a divisional or other continuing patent application. The Applicants believe this Amendment After Final Rejection is appropriate for entry because it cancels rejected and withdrawn claims and improves the form of the drawings.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant believes that, upon entry of this amendment, all claims pending in this Application will be in condition for allowance, and that the Applicants will be entitled to the claims in accordance with Title 35 of the United States Code, and Art.1, §8, cl.8 of the Constitution of the United States. The Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of all rejections, and the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date.

Should the Examiner consider necessary or desirable any formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawings, then it is respectfully asked that such changes be made by Examiner's Amendment, if the Examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance. If the Examiner believes this amendment does not put all pending claims in condition for allowance, the undersigned invites the Examiner to telephone the undersigned at (707) 591-0789.

Respectfully Submitted



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